



INVASIVE PLANTS

In September of 2014, the Ohio General Assembly granted the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) the exclusive authority to regulate invasive plants species. Under the law invasive plants are defined as plant species that are not native to Ohio whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm, or harm to human health as determined by scientific studies. After nearly two years of stakeholder outreach, new rules have been established and are effective as of January 7, 2018.

We are reaching out to make you aware of these new regulations and the list of invasive plants in the state of Ohio. These rules prohibit the sale and distribution of invasive plants in the state of Ohio. Further, the rules establish a committee which will advise ODA on matters regarding invasive plants. In some cases businesses may have invested considerable time and resources into growing some of these plants. These rules include a grace period for the prohibition to take effect for some species, which allows businesses time to transition toward alternative plants to market as replacements. For questions regarding Ohio's Invasive Plant Regulations, please contact the Plant Pest Control Program at 614-728-6400.

LIST OF INVASIVE PLANTS

The following plants are considered invasive in the State of Ohio effective

January 7, 2018 except as otherwise noted:

<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> , tree-of-heaven	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , purple loosestrife
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i> , garlic mustard	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i> , Japanese stiltgrass
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i> , common barberry	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> , parrotfeather
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i> , flowering rush	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> , Eurasian water-milfoil
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i> , Oriental bittersweet	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i> , yellow floating heart
<i>Centaurea stoebe</i> ssp. <i>Micranthos</i> , spotted knapweed	<i>Phragmites australis</i> , common reed
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> , common teasel	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i> , curly-leaved pondweed
<i>Dipsacus laciniatus</i> , cutleaf teasel	<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i> , kudzu
<i>Egeria densa</i> , Brazilian elodea	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i> , fig buttercup, lesser celandine
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> , Russian olive	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> , European buckthorn
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i> , autumn olive	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> , multiflora rose
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i> , hairy willow herb	<i>Trapa natans</i> , water chestnut
<i>Frangula alnus</i> , glossy buckthorn	<i>Typha angustifolia</i> , narrow-leaved cattail
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i> , giant hogweed	<i>Typha x glauca</i> , hybrid cattail
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i> , dame's rocket	<i>Vincetoxicum nigrum</i> , black dog-strangling vine, black swallowwort
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i> , hydrilla	<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>, European wand loosestrife (effective January 7, 2019)
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i> , European frog-bit	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>, callery pear (effective January 7, 2023)
<i>Lonicera japonica</i> , Japanese honeysuckle	
<i>Lonicera maackii</i> , amur honeysuckle	
<i>Lonicera morrowii</i> , Morrow's honeysuckle	
<i>Lonicera tatarica</i> , tatarian honeysuckle	

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